

DRILLING FOR OIL

Captain Kelley is interviewed on the Subject.

CARRABELLE WILL BOOM

Machinery is Now En Route, and Work Will Soon Begin.

Carrabelle is bound to come to the front in time. Her natural advantages are such as to insure her success. If she had a few more enterprising citizens like Captain O. H. Kelley her growth would be more marvelous than any conceptions in the Arabian Nights entertainments.

Captain Kelley went to Carrabelle in December, 1877, when there was not even a house there, for the purpose of locating a town. He was backed by wealthy New Yorkers in the enterprise, and it is mainly through his efforts that Carrabelle has attained the important position it now holds in the shipping world. Mr. Kelley was impelled to select Carrabelle as the location for a city, on account of its natural harbor, which the United States Gulf Coast Survey considered the second best on the Gulf of Mexico, Pensacola being the best.

The town now has a population of 1,500, with two splendid schools and three churches for the white people, not to mention the accommodation for the colored brother. Captain Kelley was in Tallahassee Monday, and in conversation with the Tallahasseean remarked:

"It is a fact that the colored people built the first church, the first Mason hall and the first Odd Fellows hall in Carrabelle."

In further conversation in regard to the rivalry existing between Apalachicola and Carrabelle, Capt. Kelley said:

"Yes, Apalachicola is very jealous of Carrabelle, and in the past has secured every advantage in the way of government appropriations. She is even now asking for \$500,000, together with an annual maintenance fund of \$50,000. This amount would only give her eighteen feet over a shifting bar, that is liable to be filled up at any time."

"Carrabelle only asks for \$27,000 with no maintenance fund. This sum will insure us twenty-three feet of water at ordinary tide. Through the action of the current, the channel at Carrabelle is gradually deepening of itself in accord at the rate of one inch a year. In 1888 the Government Survey found 15 feet and six inches of water. In 1892 the survey found that it had deepened to 17 feet and six inches without a dollar having been spent on it."

"Carrabelle is naturally the port, because all vessels loading from either that point or Apalachicola must anchor in our harbor. Still she is only a sub-port, and Apalachicola gets credit for business transacted at our docks."

From the rivalry existing between the two places, the conversation drifted to oil. Last winter when Capt. Kelley was in Washington he read about the discovery of oil in Texas, and the question naturally presented itself: "If oil was struck in Beaumont, why can't we strike it in Carrabelle?"

He at once began to investigate, and found all the indications favorable. The geological formation of limestone is only 50 feet from the surface. At the old ferry the distance is just twelve feet, the dip running in a southwesterly direction.

Last August Capt. Kelley opened up correspondence with parties in New York in regard to drilling for oil. They recommended Mr. M. C. Brown, an expert oil well driller, who has had twenty-seven years' experience in the oil fields, and who has already drilled oil wells in thirty-four States. Mr. Brown came down to investigate. He found the surface indications extremely favorable, as much so as they are anywhere.

Mr. Kelley at once became very enthusiastic, and entered into a contract with Brown & Davis, expert oil well drillers, to drill for oil in Carrabelle. The contract calls for a well 2,000 feet deep, if necessary, and if after reaching this depth, the conditions warrant, the well will be sunk even lower. The estimated cost is \$7,000.

Mr. Brown and family arrived in Tallahassee Saturday afternoon and went down to Carrabelle Sunday morning to meet Mr. Kelley. Lumber is on the ground now, and work has been begun on the derrick, which will be 72 feet high. Mr. Davis, the other member of the firm, is expected at Carrabelle in a few days with the machinery, and as soon as it can be placed in position the drilling will start. A force of men from the Pennsylvania oil fields will be in charge.

In discussing the matter, Captain Kelley said:

"If we strike oil, and we have every reason in the world to feel encouraged, Florida will witness such a boom as she has never seen before. It is an old saying that all things come to him who waits, and I have been waiting patiently for years. One great trouble with the people that are not successful is that they are too ready to do not possess sufficient staying qualities. I have known men to stick to something two or three years and then throw it up in disgust when, perhaps, another year would have brought them success. I have gone into this business and intend to stick until success or failure is fully assured."

"If we succeed, it will cause an influx of immigration into Florida that will make this the wealthiest State in the Union. If we fail—but we will not consider this emergency, as it is not a safe policy to borrow trouble from the future."

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Ocala is making extensive preparations for the State Teachers' Association, which meets in that city on December 27. It is expected to be more largely attended than any similar meeting ever before held in the State.

Shelton Phillips, chairman of the executive committee, has issued an address to the public, in which he directs attention to the importance of a full attendance. Among other things, he says:

"The child-study movement, which perhaps began, for this State, at Tallahassee three years ago, will undertake to prove its claims this year, and its committee, through Prof. H. E. Bierly, chairman, is preparing for one of the most elaborate displays of instruments, material and literature ever assembled at any similar occasion in the South. This display will be worth several thousands of dollars."

"The kindergartners and mothers' clubs are fully aroused, and will have their exhibit in the armory. Ocala. The committee will give to the teachers and public an object-lesson in this phase of education."

"The schools and county systems that had at the State Fair such a remarkable display of work, are expected to make a similar display at Ocala."

"The School for the Deaf and Blind, St. Augustine, will give an exhibition of the kind of work that is done, including the moral and religious training of pupils."

"For the first time in the history of the association will Governor Jennings of Florida honor the teachers by coming to their association. Governor Jennings will be with us, and will address the association in his felicitous style."

"The Rev. Sam P. Jones, who has, perhaps, addressed larger audiences and covered in his lecture sermon tours, a wider range of territory than any other minister of speaker now living, and who today commands the respect and attention of the American people as never before, will lecture Saturday night and preach Sunday, December 28 and 29."

"The afternoon and evening of Sunday will be devoted to short addresses from some of the most noted State divines upon subjects that connect the teacher with duties in Sunday school and church work. We have no hesitancy in saying that this period, because of its practicalness, will be one of the most profitable of the entire session."

"The citizens of Ocala, having found that the association promises to be too large for any single auditorium in the city, are renting a large tent for the occasion. This tent will seat comfortably 2,000 people, and will be lighted and heated. Nothing will go undone that human brains and skill can furnish for the perfect comfort of our association."

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The sixteenth annual session of the Florida Annual Conference of the C. M. E. Church convened in St. James C. M. E. Church, this city, on Wednesday, December 4, Rt. Rev. L. H. Holsey presiding.

After the usual devotional services, the conference proceeded to organize. F. C. Shelman was elected secretary, with Rev. G. W. Coar and A. Jeffries as assistants. Rev. H. A. Bryan was elected statistical secretary.

Since organization the conference has been moving along without a hitch. The reports rendered thus far show a decided improvement over last year, and all things point to the most successful year in the history of the conference.

Rev. F. R. Smith, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and Rev. J. B. Hankerson, of the Baptist Church, both of this city, were pleasant visitors Thursday. Rev. Hankerson entertained the meeting with some timely remarks.

Bishop L. H. Holsey, D. D., the pulpit orator, lecturer and race leader, will, according to announcement, address the people of Tallahassee on the race problem at 7 o'clock this evening. All who wish to hear this noted leader discuss this very important subject should avail themselves of the present occasion. The admission will be only 10 cents.

As this is the year in which delegates to the General Conference are elected, an interesting time is expected before the conference closes.

MOST POPULAR STUDENT.

There are only two weeks more of the contest for the most popular student at the Florida State College. From now on the contest promises to be very interesting, many people holding back their ballots for the home stretch.

The final count will be made and announced on December 20. Therefore you have little time to lose if you wish your favorite to win.

The vote up to this morning stood as follows:

Miss L. E. Maxwell.....	310
Miss Bertha Meginniss.....	233
Miss Eunice Rawls.....	32
Miss Helen James.....	13
Gaston Day.....	22
Mr. Ross Bryant.....	23

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Tallahassee and Southeastern Railway Company on the fourteenth day of December nineteen hundred and one at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Leon Hotel, Tallahassee, Leon county, Florida, for the election of a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
T. F. McGARRY, Pres.

HELP THE LIBRARY

Directors and Citizens Held Meeting Friday Night

COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED

Will Make a Thorough Canvass of the City at Once.

A meeting of citizens and directors of the University Library Association was held Friday evening in the rooms of the library. The object of the gathering was to discuss the question of funds, and devise means for the support of the library.

Members have not been very prompt in paying their dues, which are only 25 cents a month, and as a result the receipts have not been near enough to pay the actual running expenses.

The matter was considered, pro and con, from every standpoint, and it was decided to appoint a committee of eight ladies to make a complete canvass of the city for the purpose of securing enough members to insure the success of the library. They will call on the people, and it is to be sincerely hoped that everybody will lend it all the assistance in their power. It would be a disgrace to Tallahassee to let the library go under through lack of support.

The committee will make a report of its work at a meeting to be held on December 14. The members, as appointed by the president, Dr. W. H. Carter, are as follows: Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Courtney Walker, Mrs. J. S. Winthrop, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Miss Lizzie Tatum, Miss Mary Damon, Mrs. Philip Warden Wilson and Miss Emma Wilson.

No city in the South, of the size of Tallahassee, has a finer or more extensive free library. It contains over seven thousand volumes, and would be a credit to any city. The people should have too much pride in the institution to let it die. It is an educational institution that deserves the best of support and everybody should respond to the appeal of the directors for aid.

The directors of the University Library Association are: W. H. Carter, president; J. T. Bernard, J. S. Winthrop, J. L. Higon, Robert Gamble, J. A. Edmondson, W. C. Lewis, and A. A. Murphy. The latter gentleman was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob Cohen.

A WOOD FAMINE.

For the past two weeks Tallahassee has been suffering from a real wood famine. As plentiful as this article is around and near the city, it has been next to impossible to get it. When cold weather set in some three weeks ago we called on the Gilmer & Davis Co. for a cord, and found forty odd orders ahead. They have been doing all they can apparently to supply the demand, but we have not been able to get a stick yet—from them or any other source.

The reason, in all probability, is that the first cold snap bit every farmer's sugar cane and they had to go to work and make it up at once to prevent it from spoiling. Thus the country people, who usually engage in hauling wood at this season of the year have been temporarily shut out of the business. We certainly hope it will be more plentiful in the future.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Patronize Home Industries.

It should be the duty of every man and woman to patronize home institutions as much as possible. The home merchant pays taxes to help maintain the city and county governments. He must pay clerk hire and store rent; he must have light and fuel, and he is expected to take a hand in every church enterprise and charitable movement that comes along.

In order to do this it is necessary for him to sell his goods at a reasonable profit. If he can't do this he must close up his shop and go out of business. Every dollar sent abroad for any article that could be purchased at home is just that much taken from its legitimate channel, and does the home merchant that much damage.

Foreign firms contribute nothing to the support of your town. They would not care if every business house in your place should go under. All they want is your money. Why, then, should you patronize them to the exclusion of your home merchant who has a deep interest in every institution in your town? Take the matter home, and ask yourself the question: "Were I in business how would it suit me if the people sent abroad to purchase articles for sale in my store?"

It is not right. If you have work to do, get some person at home to do it. If you wish to buy anything, no matter what, buy it from the home merchant. In this way you will help to build up the enterprises of the town, and keep the money in circulation at home, where it is most needed.

While these remarks are directed to the citizens, they apply with equal force to the merchants. You expect the people to patronize home industries,

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

It Was Submitted to Congress and Read Tuesday.

MOST SALIENT FEATURES

It Deals With All the Important Questions of the Day.

The President's message is about 28,000 words in length, dealing with all the questions of vital importance now in the public eye.

In the beginning Mr. Roosevelt pays a glowing tribute to the memory of the lamented William McKinley and denounces anarchy. He not only deplores the existence of the anarchist, but beseeches Congress to make it impossible in the future for the chief executive of the nation to be shot down.

He calls attention to the great prosperity of the nation.

He deals at length with industrial conditions and problems.

He declares that the trusts must be controlled; otherwise, trusts will control.

A new cabinet officer is suggested, who shall be known as the Secretary of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Roosevelt urges that Congress see to it that the United States secure the greatest service from its employees.

Much stress is laid upon the brotherhood of men.

Better immigration laws are asked for by the President.

The message declares that reciprocity is no enemy of protection.

An encouraging word is said for the benefit of our merchant marine. Mr. Roosevelt declares that the American merchant marine should be restored to the ocean.

"Maintain the gold standard," says Mr. Roosevelt.

It is suggested that Congress amend the interstate commerce law.

Much attention is given to the agricultural interests of the country.

Intelligent forestry is urged by the President.

The message urges the importance of reclaiming arid lands.

Mr. Roosevelt declares that Hawaii should by all means be developed, pointing out in detail the immense advantages to be gained from the new country.

The problem of the government of the Philippines is given much space in the message, and the President suggests that a sterner policy is demanded by conditions in the Orient.

In no uncertain words the President declares that the canal must be built. He urges the necessity of prompt action on this vital point.

The message declares that the Monroe doctrine should be the cardinal feature of foreign policies of all nations of the two Americas, as it is of the United States.

Congress is directed to the fact that a greater American navy is now demanded. He declares that the work of rebuilding the navy must not be neglected, but pushed forward with all possible speed.

He reviews the situation in China at length.

He advises that closer relations exist between the United States and the South American countries.

The President takes a bold stand for the educational interests of the people.

The postal service and rural mail delivery is given the support of the President in his message.

Attention is called to the opportunity

of the United States that now exists in the trade with China.

The consular service, says the President, is in need of reform.

Expositions as upbuilders of a country are endorsed and attention is directed to their good.

The message calls attention to the good resulting from the army reorganization.

A liberal pension policy is urged.

A strong plea is made for the civil service.

The President says there is no need now for an increase in the United States army.

In closing the President refers to the death of Queen Victoria, of England, and the death of the Empress Dowager Frederick, of Germany.

COTTON CROP OF UNITED STATES.

Having received many letters of inquiry concerning the probable total cotton crop of the United States for this year, on November 18th, Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, mailed 4,200 letters to selected and reliable correspondents—banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants, brokers, proprietors of public gins, railroad officials and planters, covering every cotton growing county in the South—seeking the information.

Up to this date, in response to their letters they have received 3,476 replies of average date November 22d, which is considered as reliable as any information that can be obtained on this subject, and we tabulate as follows:

CROP THIS YEAR AND LAST.

	Crop 1901-1902	Last Year
Alabama.....	1,150,000	1,000,000
Arkansas.....	648,000	762,000
Florida.....	41,000	45,000
Georgia.....	1,425,000	1,295,000
Louisiana.....	755,000	719,000
Mississippi.....	1,330,000	950,000
North Carolina.....	460,000	542,000
South Carolina.....	820,000	911,000
Tennessee.....	304,000	350,000
Texas, etc.....	2,800,000	3,809,000
	9,733,000	10,383,000

The correspondents generally reported that the weather throughout the fall had been exceptionally favorable for gathering and moving the crop, and that it has been marketed very freely. This crop cost more than usual to make, which fact enforced early and prompt sales. It has been gathered earlier than in any previous season, and has not been held back.

The top crop is a total failure. All say the plant took on new fruit, but it will not add to the crop, as it was caught by the cold weather, and will never open.

There is frequent mention of the bales being much lighter than usual.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of J. B. Whitfield, State Treasurer, filed with the Governor, shows balances to the credit of the several State educational funds at the close of business on November 30th, 1901, as follows:

General Revenue Fund.....	\$196,436.26
One Mill School Tax Fund.....	9,386.94
State Board of Health Fund.....	584.63
Pension Tax Fund.....	85,151.56
Principal of State School Fund.....	6,272.03
Interest of State School Fund.....	15,427.04
Interest of Seminary Fund.....	315.00
College Mess Hall Fund.....	341.80
College Incidental Fund.....	201.72
State Approp. Agri College Fund.....	14,282.33
Agricultural College Fund.....	140.46
Experiment Station Fund.....	419.11
White College Merrill Fund.....	4,093.49
Colored College Merrill Fund.....	10,504.38
Station Incidental Fund.....	150.86
	\$343,687.61

BETTER PASSENGER FACILITIES.

Tallahasseeans are pleased to learn that better passenger facilities have been arranged between this city and Jacksonville over the Seaboard Air Line. In addition to the regular mail train which reaches here going west at 2:38, the Seaboard has put on another fast passenger train.

The new train leaves Jacksonville at 4 o'clock p. m. and reaches Tallahassee at 10 o'clock p. m. Returning, it leaves here at 4 o'clock a. m. and goes to Jacksonville at 10 o'clock a. m.

This enables Tallahassee people who are pushed for time to go to Jacksonville, spend six hours in that city and reach home by bed time the same day. True, it is a little early rising and late going to bed, but only one day is lost by the transaction, and it is a great convenience.

MR. CARTER'S APPEAL.

Editor Tallahasseean—It is several years since I have publicly asked help to extend the pleasures of the Christmas season as far as the Hospital for the Insane is concerned. So I feel to be free to solicit, through the Tallahasseean, that assistance for which I have never yet asked in vain, and which has been so generously given. We hope the whole State will help, for there are nearly seven hundred to be provided for. It would be hard to say what would not be useful, except toys; they are wholly useless. Fruit and candy especially will be gladly received, and of course, money never comes amiss. Donations can be sent to the store of Randolph & Son, or to my study.

W. H. CARTER, Chaplain.

The U. S. Live Stock Remedy prepared by I. Morgan, has proved invaluable as both remedy and cure for cholera, sorehead and kindred diseases in fowls and cholera in pigs, and is very beneficial also to horses and cattle. For sale by Pringle & Johnson.

LEON CIRCUIT COURT

Convened in the Court House Monday Morning

J. W. MALONE PRESIDING

The Grand Jury Has Also Been at Work During Week.

The fall term of Leon county circuit court convened in this city Monday morning, with Judge J. W. Malone, of Quincy, on the bench, and Prosecutor George W. Walker, of Tallahassee, on hand to look after the State's interests. J. M. Forbes is Sheriff Pearce's bailiff.

Court was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning, when the grand jury elected J. A. Anders, of Iamonia, as foreman, and Pros. D. Demilly as secretary.

Judge Malone's charge to the jury was able and to the point. He impressed upon them the necessity of doing their duty without fear or favor, in investigating violations of the law. In his remarks the judge told the jury that they should be very careful and not find true bills on trivial information, and only in instances where, in their judgment, the evidence was strong enough to warrant conviction.

At Monday's session very little business was transacted. The following cases were called and ordered continued to the next term:

The State vs. C. B. Collins, embezzlement; the State vs. Patterson, Jr., Sarah McBride and Hardy Scipio, charged with the murder of Ella Harrison; the State vs. J. F. Vinzant and Annie Gray, adultery; the State vs. Jefferson Davis and Emma Williams, adultery.

In the case of the State vs. James Brummett, charged with killing a hog on his premises, the State's attorney refused to prosecute and Brummett was discharged. This case was an appeal from Justice O. Chaire's court.

The State vs. Edward Braswell, larceny, appeal from Justice Fountain's court, defendant dismissed on motion of State's attorney.

On Tuesday morning the following presentments were made by the grand jury: The State vs. Newton Harris, rape, true bill; the State vs. J. M. Poppel and Tom Lightsey, feloniously impersonating another person; no bill. Prisoners were discharged.

No bill was found against Elijah Bennett, charged with injury to animal, and he was discharged.

The State vs. Tom Jones, indictment for murder, and the State vs. Harris, breaking and entering a car. True bill.

A true bill was found against Carson J. Smith, charged with assault with intent to rape.

No bill was returned against Chas. Damon, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and he was discharged.

An attachment was ordered against Barney Johnson, a defaulting witness before the grand jury.

On motion of Prosecutor Walker, the appeal case against Peter Dickinson, charged with breaking down a fence, was dismissed.

It was ordered that an attachment be issued against R. Godwin, a defaulting witness before the grand jury. The case was dismissed.

A true bill was found against Willie Ashe, for assault with intent to murder. A bill was also returned against George Baker for larceny.

In the case of the State vs. W. H. Averitt, charged with fraudulently disposing of mortgaged property, a verdict of not guilty was returned.

The State vs. Jim Elliott, assault and battery. Plea guilty; fined \$10.

Leon Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., and Philbrick, distress for rent, damages \$500. Verdict for plaintiff.

The State vs. Barney Johnson, attachment (defaulting witness before grand jury), fined \$5.

The State vs. Caesar J. Smith, assault with intent to commit rape, verdict guilty.

The State vs. Handy Harris, breaking and entering car, verdict guilty.

E. E. Philbrick vs. B. B. Wilson, unlawful detainer, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made by Governor Jennings since our last, and commissions have been forwarded by the Secretary of State:

A. B. West, of Callahan, constable for District No. 6.

To be notaries public for the State: Harry W. Richards, of Eden; W. H. Ellis, of Gadsden; J. C. Burleigh, of Avon; H. H. Bryant, of Welaka; J. M. Phillips, of Key West; L. Beugnot, of Fernandina; Edwin A. Hodge, of Peacock.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Florida Construction Company on the fourteenth day of December nineteen hundred and one at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Leon Hotel, Tallahassee, Leon county, Florida, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
T. F. McGARRY, Sec.